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SUBJECT: US/CANADA 1978 INTERIM FISHERIES AGREEMENT

REF: OTTAWA 2278, 2277, AND 2260
STATE 110868

1. FOLLOWING TELEPHONE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN LORNE CLARK (EXTAFF) AND U.S. SPECIAL NEGOTIATOR, LLOYD CUTLER, CANADIANS ARE BRINGING AMBASSADOR MARCEL CADIEUX BACK FROM BRUSSELS FOR URGENT MEETING IN OTTAWA ON MAY 11 AND 12, TO DISCUSS RANGE OF ISSUES INVOLVED IN APPLICATION OF 1978 INTERIM AGREEMENT. U.S. DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF CUTLER, WILLIAM GORDON (NMFS), DOUGLAS MARSHALL, HENRY BEASLEY, JOHN ROUSE, DAVID COLSON, JOHN SPIEGEL, AND TAK MIYAHARA, AND LARRY SNEAD.

2. MAJOR WEST COAST ISSUE WILL BE SALMON TROLL ARRANGE-
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MENTS WHICH WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH AND WILL ADDRESS IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS AT HOUSE AND SENATE HEARINGS ON THE INTERIM AGREEMENT NEXT MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY RESPECTIVELY.

3. IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT SOME OF THE EAST COAST PROBLEMS--AS WELL AS THE SALMON TROLL PROBLEM--ARE REALLY ONLY SOLVEABLE IN THE CONTEXT OF A COMPREHENSIVE, LONG-

RANGE AGREEMENT. WE ARE, NONETHELESS, WILLING TO CONSIDER CANADIAN VIEWS AND OPINIONS AND TO STRIVE FOR MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ACCOMMODATION FOR REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED OTTAWA 2277 AND 2278 AND ARE CONCERNED BY CANADIANS PERSISTENCE IN RAISING CONSERVATION ISSUES WHICH ARE NOT DEALT WITH IN SHORT-TERM RECIPROCAL. RECIPROCAL SIMPLY RESTRICTS FISHING LEVELS BY VESSELS OF ONE COUNTRY IN OTHER'S ZONE; IT CONTAINS NO OBLIGATION FOR LIMITATIONS OF DOMESTIC EFFORTS ON OUR RESPECTIVE SIDES OF THE LINE. WE DO NOT QUESTION VALIDITY OF RAISING THE ISSUES AS IMPORTANT CONSERVATION MATTERS WHICH BOTH SIDES SHOULD SEEK TO WORK OUT, AND THIS, INDEED, IS PRECISELY WHAT LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WOULD DO. BUT WE CANNOT ACCEPT REPEATED CANADIAN INTIMATIONS THAT BY NOT REGULATING OUR FISHERMEN IN EXACTLY THE WAY THEY WOULD LIKE WE ARE SOMEHOW BREACHING THE SPIRIT OF EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS. THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN RECURRING POINT OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN U.S. AND CANADA OVER PAST TWO YEARS WHICH WE DOUBT CAN BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED EXCEPT IN LONG-TERM AGREEMENT. IF EMBASSY FINDS IT APPROPRIATE TO EXPLORE CANADIAN POSITION FURTHER BEFORE MAY 11 MEETING, DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION YOU MAY TURN UP.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY RESERVE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CUTLER AT FOUR SEASONS AND FOR REMAINDER OF WASHINGTON CONTINGENT AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARK LANE OR EMBASSY APARTMENTS FOR 3 NIGHTS: MAY 10, 11, AND 12. BULK OF U.S. PARTY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE OTTAWA VIA EA172 EVENING OF MAY 10 AND TO DEPART VIA EA 173 MORNING OF MAY 13. CHRISTOPHER

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